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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

IN RE APPLICATION OF: William T. Ball
SERIAL NO.: 10/675,351
TITLE: PIPE COUPLING FOR JOINING PIPES OF
VARYING DIAMETERS
FILED: September 30, 2003
GROUP/A.U.: 3679
Confirmation No.: 5782
EXAMINER: Eric K. Nicholson

Box BPAI
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated October 24, 2005 rejecting claims 1-3 and 5-7.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. The items checked below are appropriate:

[X] A check in the amount of \$250 is enclosed.

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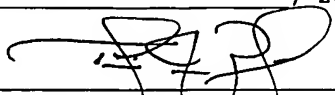
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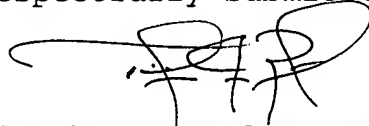

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[X] An Appeal Brief is attached.

[] A Petition for Extension of Time under 37
CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Two additional copies of the notice are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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